SUBJECT No. 52.

Machinery for silk industry.

Mr. A. Narasimhaiya, Malvalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When silk was being extracted in this country from cocoons reared here, all classes of people were earning their livelihood. Of late there have sprung up some companies which pack up the cocoons to foreign countries for the silk to be extracted, thus depriving many poor people of their livelihood. It is therefore prayed that arrangements may be made to get the necessary machines, so that all the processes connected with the manufacture of silk may be done locally to the benefit of the people of the place.

Reply of Government.—Needful help will be given to enterprising persons starting filatures. It is not possible for Government to start a manufactory as suggested.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Deserving Shekdars in Schedule B to be given promotions according to the new scale.

Mr. Basave Gowda, Bowringpet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The new rules in regard to the Shekdari service are really very commendable. The Shekdars in Schedule B have put in long service and as they are sufficiently advanced in years, it is not possible for them to pass the prescribed Revenue and other tests. They have good experience of their work and are working as hard as those in the new scale. But no provision is made for regulating their promotions, without which there will be no encouragement to these people. It is therefore prayed that promotions according to the new scale may be given to deserving men as heretofore.

Reply of Government.—The old scale Shekdars cannot be admitted to the new scale unless they qualify themselves by passing the prescribed tests under the new rules. In the case of deserving Shekdars, however, the old scale itself sufficiently provides for their promotion.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Office quarters to Shekdars.

Mr. Surappa, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that Government may be pleased to provide buildings at all hobli headquarters for the Shekdars to hold their offices.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Relaxation of the rule requiring shanbhogs to live within their circles.

Mr. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At the last year's meeting, the Government replied to Subject No. 171 :—" In special cases of hardship the Deputy Commissioner will be empowered to relax the rules so as to allow the shanbhogs to reside anywhere within the hobli in which his circle is situated." If the words " in special cases of hardship " are retained, it may sometimes happen that even in cases where relaxation of the rules is necessary, the concession may not be extended. It is therefore requested that these words may be removed and concession allowed unconditionally.

Reply of Government.—It is not expedient to abrogate the rule entirely. The matter is under consideration and final orders will soon be passed.